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1. DONOWAKI, POLITICAL COUNSELOR JAPANESE EMBASSY,
CALLED ON DCM DEC 30 TO PROVIDE GIST OF CHINESE
COMMENTS ON SINO-US RELATIONS AS RELATED TO K. SAEKI
OF THE NOMURA RESEARCH INSTITUTE, TOKYO. SAEKI
HAD BEEN INVITED TO VISIT CHINA BY SINO-JAPANESE
FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION TO BRIEF CHINESE ON WORLD
ECONOMY AND THE JAPANESE ECONOMY. IN A CONVERSATION
WITH HIS HOST, ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT CHANG
HAISNG-SHAN, ON DECEMBER 25, HE ASKED CHANG ABOUT
US-CHINA RELATIONS. SPECIFICALLY HE ASKED IF
THE US COULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH
CHINA WITHOUT FIRST SETTLING THE TAIWAN QUESTION.
CHANG REPLIED THAT BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA THERE
ARE COMMON PROBLEMS OF GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN
TAIWAN SO THAT RELATIONS COULD BE IMPROVED.
BUT A BASIC IMPROVEMENT CANNOT BE EFFECTED WITHOUT
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A SOLUTION TO THE TAIWAN PROBLEM. CHANG THEN CITED
THE JAPANESE FORMULA AND THE THREE CONDITIONS. HE
WENT ON TO SAY "ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LIBERATION OF
TAIWAN WE UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE OF TELLING
US NOT TO HURRY ON THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN. WE
UNDERSTAND THIS BUT WHETHER TO USE FORCE OR

WHEN IS SOMETHING ONLY CHINA WILL DECIDE."

2. MR. SAEKI THEN ASKED IF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PEKING AND WASHINGTON WERE TO BE ACHIEVED WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR TAIWAN TO ENJOY MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT FROM THE U.S. AND WOULD THE U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK BE ABLE TO GIVE CREDITS, BECAUSE THESE TWO FACTORS WERE OF SUCH IMPORTANCE TO TAIWAN'S ECONOMY? CHANG REPLIED THAT CHINESE HAD NOT YET STUDIED THIS MATTER "BUT IN ANY CASE CHINA HAS NO INTENTION OF DEMANDING MORE THAN THE JAPANESE FORMULA AND THE THREE CONDITIONS".

3. SAEKI ASKED IF IT WAS TRUE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TAIWAN GOVERNMENT HAD COME TO PEKING TO NEGOTIATE. CHANG REPLIED "AS LONG AS THERE ARE REACTIONARIES IN TAIWAN IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT THEY SHOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGOTIATE. BUT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE IN TAIWAN ALSO AND WE ON OUR SIDE WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH TALKS."

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